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Dear Mr. Godlewski:

This is in follow-up to Teck Cominco's request to meet with EPA staff regarding the Upper Columbia River site. We understand that Teck Cominco wants to meet with EPA to learn more about the general scope of what is needed in a remedial investigation/ feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Upper Columbia River.

EPA is amenable to such a technical meeting and views this as an opportunity to inform Teck Cominco on the requirements of an RI/FS. As you are aware, the meeting is scheduled for September 15 & 16, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day, at EPA's Seattle Office. EPA participants will include technical staff that will be prepared to explain the human health and ecological components of a RI/FS. The meeting is not intended to cover the RI/FS work plan development process nor will EPA staff be making any decisions or commitments pertinent to the scope of the RI/FS for the Upper Columbia River site. Any discussion on work plan development would involve a broader technical table with all key stakeholders included. Nonetheless, I hope our technical staffs can have an open and frank discussion, so that your questions can be answered.

Because of the technical nature of the September 15th & 16th meeting, no EPA managers or attorneys will be attending this meeting. For questions regarding meeting logistics, please feel free to contact Cami Grandinetti directly at (206) 553-8696.

Sincerely,

Thomas Eaton, Associate Director
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